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**CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE  
RESEARCH VESSEL "BROWN BEAR"**

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Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation, submitted the following

**R E P O R T**

OF THE

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

ON

**S. 2767**



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1934, for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission. Mr. Michael Brittan of Seward, AK, purchased the vessel in November 1991, with the intention of using it to conduct research off the coast of Alaska.

Because the vessel has not been under continuous U.S. ownership, the owner has not been able to obtain coastwise trade and fisheries documentation for the *Brown Bear*. Therefore, he is seeking a statutory waiver of the Jones Act for the vessel.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 2767 was introduced in the Senate on May 21, 1992, by Senator Stevens. In open executive session on June 16, 1992, the Committee considered S. 2767 and ordered the legislation reported favorably without objection and without amendment.

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee provides the following cost estimate, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, June 22, 1992.

HON. ERNEST F. HOLLINGS,  
*Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 2767, a bill to authorize a certificate of documentation for the research vessel *Brown Bear*, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on June 16, 1992. Enactment of S. 2767 would not result in any cost to the federal government or to state or local governments.

Enactment of S. 2767 would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis, who can be reached at 226-2860.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. REISCHAUER.

#### REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee provides the following evaluation of the regulatory impact of the legislation, as reported.

Because S. 2767 does not create any new programs, the legislation will have no additional regulatory impact and will result in no additional reporting requirements. The legislation will have no further effect on the number or types of individuals and businesses regulated, the economic impact of such regulation, the personal privacy of affected individuals, or the paperwork required from such individuals and businesses.

## SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

The bill consists of one section. It provides that, notwithstanding sections 12106, 12107, and 12108 of title 46, U.S. Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S. 883), as applicable on the date of the enactment of this legislation, the vessel *Brown Bear*, U.S. Official Number 980667, is eligible to engage in the coastwise trade and commercial fisheries, and the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel.

## CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee states that the bill as reported would make no change to existing law.

